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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Chelan County

In October 2009 the Nursing Commission terminated the order of probation against registered nurse **Ernest B. Mauk, Jr.** (RN00096067).

Clark County

In October 2009 the Nursing Commission reinstated the license of licensed practical nurse **Domingo H. Dela Cruz** (LP00040499).

In October 2009 the Massage Practitioner Program charged **Diana D. Lawson** (MA00016084) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In September 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the certification application of certified nursing assistant **Kaitlyn B. Smeback** (NC60108706). Terms and conditions were set against her registration to practice as a nursing assistant.

In October 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Jamie Ann Wrede** (NC60113219) and placed her certification on probation until December 2, 2010. She was convicted of domestic violence protection order violation. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

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King County

In October 2009 the Massage Practitioner Program charged **Taylor C. Bateman** (MA00025016) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with conditions on his license.

In October 2009 the Nursing Commission placed the license of registered nurse **Robin M. Bekins** (RN00130829) on probation for three years. She documented hours on her time cards that she didn't actually work, or documented hours at an erroneous, higher earning code resulting in approximately \$25,157.23 in overpayment for hours she didn't work. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In October 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program charged **Christine-Marie Donaldson** (HC00143243, HC00149011, HC00153303, HC60020352) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly telephoned prescriptions for hydrocodone for herself without authorization.

In October 2009 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacy technician **Arissa L. King** (VA00058655) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly diverted oxycodone from her place of employment for her own use.

In October 2009 the Registered Counselor Program charged **David J. Kost** (RC00053913) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly misused controlled substances.

In October 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Tony O. Bey** (NC10080167) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of voyeurism.

In September 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of **Owel Borgonia Portes** (NA60077345). He was convicted of attempted malicious mischief.

Kitsap County

In October 2009 the Dental Commission reinstated the license of dentist **Thanhha T. Pham** (DE00008217) and placed her license on probation. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Pierce County

In October 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Cynthia A. Ball** (NA60038908) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly stole a diamond ring from one patient, and a watch from another patient. She was convicted of theft.

In October 2009 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Kristie L. Choate** (RN00099450), also known as Kristie Lynn Bracking, with unprofessional conduct. The police allegedly found marijuana plants at her home. She has been charged with unlawful manufacturing of a controlled substance, and unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

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In October 2009 the Nursing Commission terminated the order of probation against licensed practical nurse **September Huff** (LP00037000).

In October 2009 the Nursing Commission released licensed practical nurse **Angie L. Miller** (LP00042853) from terms and conditions set against her license.

In September 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the applications of certified nursing assistant La'Dwayna L. White (NA60071909, NC60102430). She was convicted of shoplifting.

Skagit County

In November 2009 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Alette R. Ford** (RC60096304) and placed her registration on probation. She was convicted of possession of cocaine, possession of cocaine with intent to deliver, and theft on more than one occasion. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

In November 2009 the Chemical Dependency Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Lisa Lynn Hussey** (CO60108948) and placed conditions against her certification. She was convicted of possession of methamphetamine on more than one occasion, and theft on more than one occasion. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

Snohomish County

In October 2009 the Dental Commission released dentist **William D. Oliver** (DE00006618) from terms and conditions set against his license.

In October 2009 the Dental Commission released dentist **Mark Alan Stahl** (DE60076890) from terms and conditions set against his license.

Thurston County

In October 2009 the Registered Counselor Program charged **Gregory Crivello** (RC00053368) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly entered into a romantic relationship with a patient.

In October 2009 the Unlicensed Practice Program issued a notice of intent to issue cease and desist order to **Mindy Kuenzi**. She allegedly cleaned, scaled, and extracted the tooth of at least one animal and advertised that she and her employees provide animal tooth care services. She is not licensed to practice as a veterinarian, or veterinary technician.

In October 2009 the Massage Practitioner Program granted the application of **Britni Ann Webber** (MA60100165) and placed conditions against her license. She was convicted of minor in possession/consumption, possession of methamphetamine, driving under the influence, and minor in possession of alcohol. She must comply with conditions on her license.

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In September 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of **Kurt B. Zander** (NA60066133). While caring for a patient, he left the patient's home, and the patient was left alone for three hours.

Whatcom County

In October 2009 the Dental Commission released dentist and conscious sedation permit holder **Darryl W. S. Chen** (DE00006731, CS10000154) from terms and conditions set against his license and permit.

Whitman County

In October 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Jason B. Ottosen** (NA00170753) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of child rape.

Out of State

Oregon: In October 2009 the Medical Commission released physician **John A. Calcagno** (MD00043108) from terms and conditions set against his license. Dr. Calcagno's license is unrestricted.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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